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SUBJECT: ISMAIL TO REPRESENT SOMALIA AT NAC SUMMIT: NETO TRANSITS
MOGADISCIO

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1. VICE PRESIDENT ISMAIL ALI ABOKER LEFT MOGADISCIO MORNING
AUGUST 15 TO REPRESENT SOMALIA AT COLOMBO NAC SUMMIT. ISMAIL
ACCOMPANIED BY AHMED HABIB, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY INDUSTRY
BUREAU, AND SOMALIA'S PERMANENT REP AT UN ABDIRASAK HAJI HUSSEIN.
ISMAIL AND PARTY FLEW AS GUESTS ON PLANE CARRYING UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES PRESIDENT SHEIKH SAYID TO COLOMBO. SHEIKH SAYID HAD
JUST COMPLETED AN ELEVEN-DAY VISIT TO SOMALIA. FSL SOURCE REPORTS
HIS LOCAL CONTACTS SURPRISED AT PRESIDENT SIAD'S FAILURE ATTEND
SUMMIT. THEY SPECULATE SIAD WORRIED ABOUT FALL-OUT FROM RECENT
POLITICAL MOVES (I.E., FORMATION OF PARTY, ABOLITION SUPREME
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, ETC.) AND FEARS ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY
AT THIS JUNCTURE MIGHT ENCOURAGE MOVES AGAINST HIM.

2. IN OTHER NAC-RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ANGOLAN PRESIDENT AGOSTINO
NETO ARRIVED MOGADISCIO LATE EVENING AUGUST 14 AND
FLEW ON TO COLOMBO FOLLOWING DAY. NETO WAS WELCOMED
BY SIAD AT AIRPORT BUT PRESS ACCOUNTS DO NOT REPORT
ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS.

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